

HOUSE RESOLUTION 332

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of the Theta Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia at the University of Memphis on the occasion of the chapter's reactivation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to honor and specially commend those distinguished organizations whose stated goals advance the most noble precepts of human endeavors and whose history of service in pursuit of those goals is an outstanding example to the citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, fraternities and sororities have played a significant role in American college life since 1776 and have been major contributors to the cultural, social, and civic lives of their communities; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2010, several new initiates were inducted into the Theta Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, for eighteen months the men of the Theta Rho Chapter worked diligently to complete the fraternity's two-phase colony process, culminating in their reactivation and the initiation of the members of the colony; and

WHEREAS, as members of Theta Rho Chapter, Maron Lee Barrett, DeAndre DeWayne Hutchison, Ramon Samuel Moses, Gregory Duncan Stoecker, James Allen Cutter III, Jeremy Thomas Krug, Samuel Wesley Schirmer, Uwem Nicholas Umontuen, John W. Freeman, Gregory Michael Mason, Jeffery Mark Smith, and Lee Vance Wilson have committed in brotherhood to hold true to the object of Sinfonia: development of the best and truest fraternal spirit, the mutual welfare and brotherhood of musical students, the advancement of music in America, and a loyalty to the alma mater; and

WHEREAS, the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity was founded on October 6, 1898, at the New England Conservatory in Boston, Massachusetts, when a group of thirteen young men under the guidance of Ossian Everett Mills met "to consider the social life of the young men students of that institution" and "to devise ways and means by which it might be improved." Mr. Mills, Bursar of the Conservatory, sought to create an Order in which men with a shared love of music could develop the virtues of manhood in themselves and in their fellows; and

WHEREAS, Sinfonia became a national fraternity on October 6, 1900, with the admission of a group of men at the Broad Street Conservatory in Philadelphia; since that time, Sinfonia has grown to become the largest music fraternity in the world, with more than 150,000 initiates and chapters on over 200 college and university campuses across the nation; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Sinfonians in nearly every field of study and professional endeavor have transformed the face of music in America; today, the Brotherhood represents a diverse group of individuals spanning the nation who continue the proud tradition of advancing the Fraternity's Object; and

WHEREAS, the Brothers of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia participate in a broad range of activities emphasizing service and performance in music; whether singing at hospitals and homes for the elderly; sponsoring concerts of American music, jazz, and choral festivals; participating in all-campus sings and Broadway-style reviews; providing a large variety of performing ensembles, ranging from big bands to barbershop quartets; commissioning new works; bringing prominent performers and clinicians to their campuses; or taking part in a variety of other social and musical activities, Sinfonians' possibilities for participation in musical activities are limited only by the boundaries of imagination, desire, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the high ideals and standards set forth by its founders, the members of the newly reactivated Theta Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia at the University of Memphis will be given many exciting opportunities for the development of social and leadership skills in an atmosphere of brotherhood, music, and mutual support; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor these fine gentlemen as they will no doubt make countless contributions to the cultural, social, and civic life of their communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that on the
occasion of reactivation of this estimable fraternity at the University of Memphis, we hereby
honor and congratulate the members of the Theta Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, salute
their commitment to excellence in all their endeavors, and wish them continued success in the
future

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.